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REMARKS

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1. On 3 February 1954, no special activity was observed in the quartering buildings of the new camp near Stendel airfield. Source furnished a sketch of the quartering area.¹

2. Six AA guns, one of which was definitely identified as a 37-mm gun, were observed in the AA gun emplacement north of the new camp. Near the guns were earth bunkers and two nests.²

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3. The following observations were made at the field between 14 and 26 March:

14 and 15 March. No air activity was conducted.

16 March. Between 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m., 4 Po-2s were observed aloft over Stendel. At 11 a.m., no air activity or parked aircraft were observed. The hangars were closed.

17 March. Between 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., Il-10s with extended landing gears made local flights of about 10 minutes duration. A vehicle, probably a mobile flight control station, was observed on the landing field. On its platform was a soldier with signal flags. Next to the vehicle was a tank truck.

18 March. Between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m., a Po-2 was observed flying over Stendel. There was a 5/10 overcast.

19 March. At 10:30 a.m., there was local flying by up to 3 ground attack aircraft. About 11 a.m., 11 ground attack aircraft were parked south of the hangars, about 150 meters west of the Stendel-Forstel road. At 1:00 p.m., the aircraft were parked in two opposite rows. No air activity was conducted.

21 March. At 10 a.m., no aircraft were observed aloft. The sky was 4/10 overcast. Eleven Il-10s were parked in front of the hangars.

22 March. At 9:30 a.m., 2 Po-2s were parked south of the Il-10s. One of the Po-2s subsequently took off.

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23 March. Shortly after 9 a.m., Il-10s were parked south of the hangars and, at a short distance, 5 Po-2s were observed. The hangars were closed. There was no air activity. At 10:30 a.m., 24 Il-10s approached from the west, while the Il-10s from the field took off and followed the other Il-10s already aloft. At 11 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., no aircraft were seen at the field.

24 March. Only 5 Po-2s were parked south of the hangars. During the morning and at night, there was air activity by biplanes.

25 March. About noon, 5 Il-10s crossed over the town and subsequently approached for landing at the field. At 2:30 p.m., 12 Il-10s arranged in 2 rows of 6 aircraft each were parked south of the hangars. There was no air activity.

26 and 27 March. During the morning and throughout the day respectively, there was no air activity.³

4. On 27 March, source determined that Soviet dependents were quartered in the one-family houses which were located about 100 meters west of the guardhouse at the southern side of the road leading to the airfield.

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1. ☐ Comment. For sketch of quartering area of AA unit at Stendal airfield, see next page.

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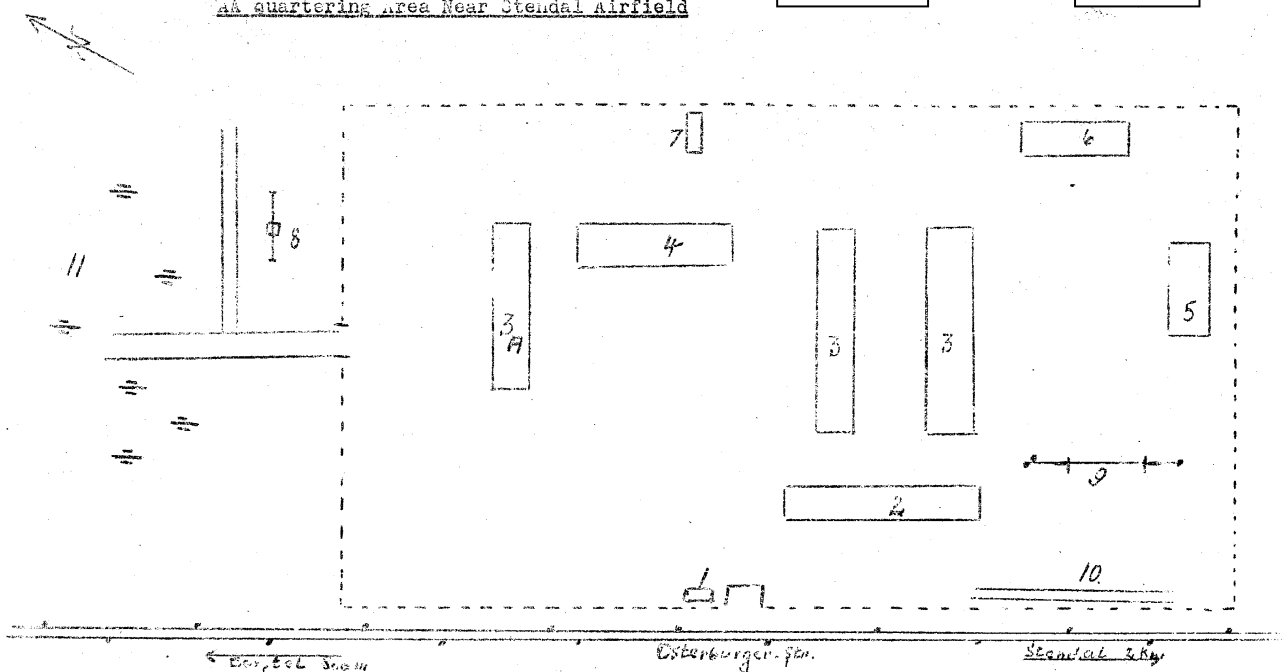
2. ☐ Comment. The AA gun emplacement is located on the eastern edge of Stendal airfield. South of the emplacement are located the AA quarters, referred to as new camp.

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3. ☐ Comment. Like the other regiments of the ground attack division in Brandenburg, probably aircraft of the ground attack regiment in Stendal also participated in exercises held by elements of the 6th Gds Lach Div in the Mirow-Neuruppin area. The present report does not indicate if the reconnaissance regiment from Stendal airfield was also involved in these exercises.

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AA quartering Area Near Stendal Airfield



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Legend:

- 1 Main entrance with guard house
- 2 Shed with garages, about 40 meters long
- 3 Low brick buildings, with 20 windows, each building about 30 meters long
- 3A Low brick building, 60 meters long
- 4 Kitchen and messhall, 40 meters long
- 5 Wooden shed, 30 to 40 meters long
- 6 Wooden shed with lattice windows
- 7 Earth bunkers, probably storage
- 8 Radio installation
- 9 Movable target installation
- 10 Obstacle course
- 11 AA gun emplacements

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